ceeding to the Southward, which we attribute to your not having February 6 been apprised of the Resolution of the Assembly. We request that Liber No. 78 you would have a Guard for the Protection of the Stores furnished from the Infantry and that you would order the Mattrosses to return p. 54 to Baltimore, that Capt. Brown may march to Frederick in Obedience to your Direction.

[Council to Collector of Somerset County.]

February 5 Liber No. 78

We have enclosed you a Copy of the Act of Assembly to compel p. 54 the Payment of the Public Taxes in Somerset County, and for your Support in the Execution of your Office, the Company of Militia ordered from Dorchester County will be stationed agreeable to the Act and ready with any of the Militia the Lieutenant of Somerset County mak think proper to add to that Service (should Necessity require it) to enforce the Payment thereof. We have no Doubt but you will use every Exertion in your Power to make the said Collection, as the Exigencies of the State require your utmost Assiduity.

Wednesday 7th February 1781

February 7 Liber C. B.

Ordered that John Bullen Esqr Quarter Master furnish Mr Hodg- No. 24 kin with two or more Waggons, Teams and Drivers immediately to P. 42 remove the public Records

That the Issuing Commissary deliver to Doct Murray fourteen pounds salt petre to be Accounted for

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Dorsey & Co. two hundred and sixty eight pounds, six shillings and six pence of the new Emission on Account.

That John Bullen Esqr Quarter Master deliver to Lieut Luckett a Public Horse.

[Council to Ignatius Taylor, Esqr.]

February 7 Liber No. 78

We received your Letter of the 22d Ult. and are much obliged to p. 54 you for your Assistance and Activity in preserving the Cargoe of the Nautilles Colonel Smith informs us that he hired Negroes to save the Cat[o]'s Cargoe, and that the whole of that Cargoe except what was purloined by some of the Inhabitants, is lodged in Mr Billwoods Yard. This Board have determined to have the Flour transported to Baltimore Town to be baked or repacked and have appointed you to take Care of the Interest of the State and have the whole of the Flour as well the Cat[o]'s as the Nautilles's Cargoe put on Board the Craft we have sent down, and will make you ample Compensation for your Trouble and Care in Superintending and managing this Business. We are willing to make the Militia the usual and customary Allowance for Salvage (which is one tenth Part of the Property saved) and will pay one tenth Part to you or your order to be distributed